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SUBJECT- AMERICAN TRADE INQUIRY: COPPER DEPOSIT IN BANGLADESH

1. YOUR DECEMBER 14 LETTER CONCERNING COPPER DEPOSIT RANGPUR
AND BOGRA AREAS JUST RECEIVED. IN LIGHT DELAY RECEIPT HERE
AND YOUR UPCOMING TRIP TO THIS AREA, EMBASSY RESPONDING BY
CABLE.

2. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF BANGLADESH (GSB) AND BANGLADESH
MINERAL EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (BMEDC) STATE
COPPER DEPOSITS CITED AREAS YET TO BE PROVED. ONLY A FEW
TRACES FOUND WHILE DOING EXPLORATORY DRILLING FOR OTHER
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MINERALS. GSB PLANNING

FURTHER SURVEY AND EXPLORATORY DRILLING
THIS WINTER TO DETERMINE NATUREXX EXTENT AND DEPTH OF DEPOSIT;
RESULTS MAY NOT BE KNOWN BEFORE END 1974.

3. WHILE DISCUSSING COPPER, BMEDC INQUIRED IF YOUR COMPANY
WOULD BE INTERESTED IN CONSTRUCTION OF A DEEP LIMESTONE MINE
AND A CEMENT WORKS IN JAIPURHAT IN BOGRA. 1973-78 FIVE-YEAR
PLAN SETS ASIDE AN ESTIMATED \$67 MROLION, INCLUDING \$40 MILLION
IN FOREIGN EXCHANGE, FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECT. BMEDC HAS
ALREADY INVITED APPLICATIONS FOR PREQUALIFICATION BY FEBRUARY,
1974. DETAILS OF PREQUALIFICATION NOTICE HAVE BEEN CABLED
TO TRADE OPPORTUNITY DIVISION, US DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE,
WASH, DC FOR DISEMINATION TO INTERESTED PARTIES (DACCA TEL.
0268, T-0062). IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CONACT COMMERCE FOR
MORE INFO AND/OR WRITE TO DR. F. H. KHAN, CHAIRMAN, BMEDC, FOR PRE-
QUALIFICATION.

4. IF CONVENIENT, YOU MAY WISH CONSIDER SHORT VISIT TO DR.
KHAN IN DACCA FROM BANGKOK OR NEW DELHI. FULLER UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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